



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League April/May 2011 www.breckenridgeikes.org

Coming Events

May

- 01 Pancake Breakfast
- 10 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24 Social/Ed meeting: John Moriarity
Co Editor of Breck's autobiography 7:30

June

- 12 MN Division Executive Committee
- 14 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

SECOND ANNUAL BRECKENRIDGE CHAPTER ART SHOW

- 22 Art Drop off Wed 5-8 p.m.
- 23 Set up 10-6 p.m.
- 24 Opening Friday 6-10 p.m.
- 25 Saturday 11-8 p.m.
- 26 Sunday 11-5 p.m.
- 28 Tuesday 6-10 p.m.
Social/Educational Meeting 7:30
program Don Luce, Bell Museum
Curator of Exhibits "Avian Art
History"

Upcoming

- July 11-15, 2011, National IWLA
Convention, Des Moines, IA
- Fall Social/Educational meeting: Darby
Nelson's upcoming book Love of Lakes



REMEMBERING BETTY STEIN
Betty Stein, our past secretary and Board member has passed away after a long battle with brain cancer. Betty and her husband, Bill joined the IWLA, Breckenridge Chapter in 1999 and

immediately became active members. Betty & Bill served on our Board of Directors for several years, and Betty served as the Breckenridge Chapter Secretary for several years. The MN DIV soon heard of Betty's past professional services to several great companies as a Certified Professional Secretary and persuaded her to become the MN Division's volunteer secretary. She did a great job and held that position for 3 years. Betty and Bill worked on many of our social events; garage sales, pancake breakfasts, etc. They traveled to various parts of the state representing our chapter as Division Board of Directors and convention delegates. Betty also was a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of America and The Children's Home Society of Minnesota.

Always cheerful and with a kind manner, those of us who knew her are feeling the loss of Betty. We extend our sympathy to Bill and their family.

A memorial service is planned for Monday, May 9, 11:00 AM at the First Congregational UNITED CHURCH of Christ, 1923 South 3rd Ave, Anoka, MN. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Animal Humane Society or Children's Home Society and Family Services. That is her wish.

**Breckenridge Chapter Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2011**

Attendance: Barb Franklin, John Rust, Jim Arnold, Mark Gustafson, Bruce Hansen, Dick Brown, Melissa Sonnenberg, , John Fraley, Guests: Larry LaFontaine, Gunnar Bjornson

Calendar:

April 16th Earth Fest (Jim & John will represent our Chapter)
April 26th Social Meeting,
“Teens in the Wilderness” Camp
Menogyn presenting
May 1st Pancake
Breakfast
May 10th Board of
Directors meeting
May 24th Social Meeting,
John Moriarty
June 14th Board of
Directors meeting
June 24th - 28th Art Show
June 28th Social Meeting,
Don Luce from Bell Museum

Issues:

Dick reported on the recent state IWL meeting held in Sandstone.

Chapter House and Grounds:

Bathroom double flush toilets have been purchased and will be installed when Bill has time. John Fraley has offered to help with the project.

Buildings and Grounds:

Larry LaFontaine suggested we schedule a clean up of the raingarden in the next two weeks. He and Jim will work out a time and seek volunteers. Larry also suggested that we could use a few new plants. A motion to spend up to \$125 on new rain

garden plants was passed unanimously. It was suggested that some of the planting could be done by children who come to the art show.

Art Show:

John reported on plans for the upcoming art show. Everyone is encouraged to publicize the event.

Treasurer Report:

Bruce gave an update on our checking and savings accounts.

Scholarship:

The scholarship committee will meet April 25th to begin the process of selecting next years scholarship participants.

Timberlines:

Marlys reported on the expense of mailing the most recent Timberlines

Respectfully submitted,
Gunnar Bjornson and Jim Arnold,
substitute secretaries



***Volunteers for
refreshments needed.
Please call
Melissa Sonnenberg
if you can help.
763-549-8873***

Resolution on Lead Bullets, Shot, Sinkers, and Jigs:

The following resolution was passed by the Breckenridge Chapter on March 8th, 2011.

It was passed by the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League on April 9th, 2011.

Background Information:

Toxicity:

Lead is a poisonous/toxic material. Lead poisoning is one of the oldest known hazards. The Romans were aware that lead could cause serious health problems, even madness and death. However, they were so fond of its diverse uses that they minimized the hazards it posed. Romans of yesteryear, like Americans of today, equated limited exposure to lead with limited risk. What they did not realize was that their everyday low-level exposure to the metal rendered them vulnerable to chronic lead poisoning, even while it spared them the full horrors of acute lead poisoning (from US EPA website).

The small amount of lead necessary to cause harm was not understood until the latter half of the 20th century. No safe threshold for lead exposure has been discovered. Even small amounts of lead may cause harm. In 1991 the US EPA revised the drinking water standard for lead to 15 parts per billion (ppb). The previous standard was 50 ppb, but the standard was revised to reflect concerns about lead accumulating in standing water in pipes and plumbing.

Human Health Affects:

Lead may be absorbed into the human

body by eating fragments or particles in meat, breathing lead dust or fumes, or absorption of lead dust/solution by touch. The ingestion of lead may cause temporary detrimental affects and sometimes permanent damage. Some of these affects include; damage to the brain/nervous system, cardiovascular system, digestive system, reproductive system, bones and teeth, kidneys, and various internal organs. Some of the affects of lead poisoning in adults are reversible. Young children, infants and the unborn may be particularly vulnerable to the affects of lead and may suffer lifelong ill affects including cognitive impairment of an individual.

Wildlife Health Affects:

The ingestion of lead (from lead shot, bullets, fishing tackle, or other sources) has been documented at elevated levels or having caused mortality in several bird species, including: California condors, bald eagles, golden eagles, ravens, red tailed hawks, northern goshawks, great horned owls, ring necked pheasants, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, mourning doves, and sandhill cranes. Water fowl species with elevated lead levels or mortality caused by lead include the common loon (Minnesota state bird), trumpeter swans, tundra swans, ducks, and geese, wood ducks, and mergansers. Elevated lead levels have been documented in several mammals near shooting ranges (where lead shot and bullets accumulate over time) such as; shrews, mice, voles, squirrels, hares, opossums, and raccoons. It does not tend to accumulate in fish, but does in some shellfish, such as mussels. See Appendix 2 posted on the Breckenridge Chapter web site.

Lead Phase Out/Ban:

US Phase out lead in gasoline:
~1973 – 1986

US Standards limiting lead in water
systems/pipes/ fixtures: ~1986

Minnesota Lead Battery Land Disposal Ban:
~1989

US Phase out/ban of lead shot for
water fowl hunting: ~1991

US Lead Paint Exposure Reduction
Act: ~1992

US Lead solder banned for canned
food: ~1995

US Lead foil caps on wine bottles
ban: ~1996

Canada Partial ban small lead
sinkers in Parks/Wildlife
Areas: ~1997

Canada Phase out of lead shot for
migratory game birds:
~1999

US Lead in candle wicks banned:
~2001

US Yellowstone Park banned small
lead fishing tackle and
weights

New Hampshire Phase out/ban small lead
sinkers and jigs: ~2000 - 2006

Maine Bans small lead sinkers
and jigs: ~2001

New York Ban small lead sinkers and jigs:
~2004

Vermont Ban small lead sinkers and jigs:
~2007

23 States Nontoxic shot regulations:
dove, crane, quail, pheasant ~2006

California Lead bullets/shot ban hunting in
Condor range: ~2007 -
2008

US Lead toy recall and banned
from children's toys: ~2007-
2008

US Lead automobile wheel
balancing weights ban: ~2009-2011

Alternatives:

There are several less toxic materials that are currently being used to make lead free bullets, shot, sinkers, jigs, and weights. For example: copper, steel, tungsten, tin, bismuth, bronze, nickel, iron, tin, plastics, putty, carbon steel, pewter, glass. Nontoxic shot, however, is not currently available in all calibers (yet). Some of these materials are more expensive than lead. See Appendix 3 posted on the Breckenridge Chapter web site.

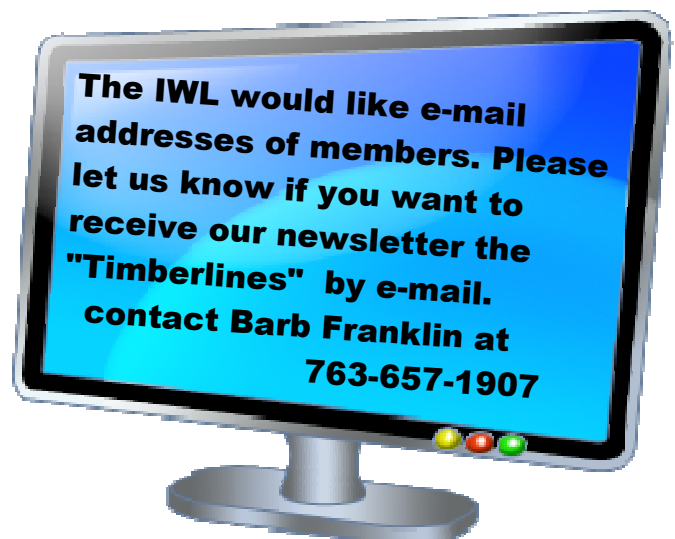
Resolution:

Therefore Be It Resolved: The Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America supports a tiered phase out of lead for hunting and fishing activities including the following:

5 year phase out of the manufacture of
lead bullets, shot, sinkers, jigs

10 year phase out of the commercial
sale of lead bullets, shot, sinkers,
jigs

15 year phase out of the use of lead
bullets, shot, sinkers, jigs



DARBY NELSON AWARDED IWLA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

At the IWLA State Convention on April 9, 2011, at the Audubon Center of the North Woods several awards were given by the Division. The Breckenridge Chapter is especially proud that our own member, Darby Nelson was awarded the Distinguished Service Award. As a long time member of the W. J. Breckenridge Chapter, Darby Nelson has been that essential Ike – a steward of the land, water, open space, wildlife and air. A former Minnesota State Representative, he served on important resource committees and authored major legislation. His career as a professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Anoka Ramsey Community College for 35 years meant the he influenced thousands of students over those years. He published many educational works and has also written columns, books, and journal articles. It would be impossible to list all of the groups that have benefited from Darby's membership and leadership, but The Nature Conservancy, Conservation Minnesota, and the Legislative Commission on Minnesota's Resources (original LACER) are three examples.

Darby was honored as one of the first citizen members of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) overseeing the spending of the Legacy Funds. As an active Conservation Minnesota co-chair, he worked hard to get the amendment into law and then to see that the process was an open one to the citizens of the state. His goal was to make sure that the projects were consistent with the constitutional intent promised to all Minnesotans during the Vote Yes Campaign. As he leaves the Council, citizens know that Darby will continue to advocate for the proper funding, to enhance, and not supplant support for our natural resource base. Thank you Darby Nelson for all you have done and will continue to accomplish in protecting Minnesota land, water, open space, wildlife and air. Nominated by the W.J. McCabe (Duluth) Chapter



Membership Update

We now have 111 Members.

Welcome to our 5 new Members

Todd Norsten

Michael & Sandra Fredrick ,
Neal and Ryan (College students)



Nature and Wildlife Art Show Breckenridge Chapter House

8816 West River Road Brooklyn Park
www.breckenridgeikes.org



Fri, June 24	6-10 p.m.	Opening Reception, Refreshments, Music, Outdoor Arts/Crafts
Sat, June 25	11 a.m.-8 p.m.	Kids Activities, Nature crafts, Music, Outdoor Art/Craft booths
Sun, June 26	11 a.m.-5 p.m.	Kids Activities, Nature crafts, Music, Outdoor Art/Craft booths
Tue, June 28	6-10 p.m.	Awards for popular choices! 7 p. m.
	7:30 p.m.	Program: "Avian Art History" –
		Don Luce, Bell Museum Curator of Exhibits

Join us for the Breckenridge Chapter Nature and Wildlife Art show. Members of the Chapter, friends, and the public are invited to attend this free art show and are also invited to submit works of art. You may submit framed nature and wildlife paintings, photographs, and sculptures. Cost to enter into the show: \$10 for each work of art submitted. Maximum framed size is 30 inches by 40 inches. Refreshments will be served during the show. You may bring giclées for sale if you have a print rack. Contact: John 763-202-3346 or imgahn2u@yahoo.com

Application form to submit Art for the Show – Must be received by June 11.

Artist Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
Email: _____

I certify that I have personally created the above listed works of art to be shown. I will not hold the Breckenridge Chapter, the Izaak Walton League, or its volunteers responsible for any damages, theft, or loss of my work while it is in their possession. Artists who desire to insure their art must make their own arrangements.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail this registration form with entry fee by June 11 to:

Breckenridge Chapter Art Show
8816 West River Road
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

Entry # 1) Fee \$10.00

Title: _____
Medium: _____
Size with frame (max 30x40"): _____
Price (if for sale): _____

Entry # 2) Fee \$10.00

Title: _____
Medium: _____
Size with frame (max 30x40"): _____
Price (if for sale): _____

Artwork drop off: Wednesday June 22 between 4 & 8 p.m. or by special arrangement
Artwork pick up: Wednesday June 29 between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. or by special arrangement
All art must have wire for hanging. Contact: John at: 763-202-3346 or imgahn2u@yahoo.com

Entry # 1)
Title: _____
Artist: _____
(Detach this label and affix to back of artwork)

Entry # 2)
Title: _____
Artist: _____
(Detach this label and affix to back of artwork)



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Nature and Wildlife Theme Outdoor Art/Craft Booth Hosting Information:

Booth Cost: \$20.00

Art/Craft Booth Setup:

Friday, June 24 between 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. or by special arrangement

Art/Craft Booth Teardown:

Sunday, June 26 5 p.m. or by special arrangement

Art/Craft items for sale may be moved inside locked chapter house at night (if space permits). Booth tents, display racks, and contents are supplied, set up, taken down, and stored by booth registrant. Booth must be attended by booth registrant/affiliated person. Nature/Wildlife theme booths preferred. Booth sales/taxes are between booth registrant and buyer. The IWLA, Breckenridge Chapter, and its volunteers are not responsible for booth, booth contents, sales, or transactions. For special arrangements for setup or teardown contact: John at: 763-202-3346 or imgahn2u@yahoo.com



Application form to host Outdoor Art/Craft booth – Must be received by June 11

Art/Craft Booth Fee: \$20.00

Artist Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email: _____

Number folding tables: _____

Preferred booth set up date/time: _____

Preferred take down date/time: _____

Booth theme/sale contents: _____

Check below days you plan to have booth:

☐ -- Friday June 24 6 – 10 p.m.

☐ -- Saturday June 25 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

☐ -- Sunday June 26 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Booth sales/taxes are between booth registrant and buyer.

I will not hold the Breckenridge Chapter, the Izaak Walton League, or its volunteers responsible for any damages, theft, or loss of my work while it is in their possession. Artists who desire to insure their art and crafts must make their own arrangements. The IWLA, Breckenridge Chapter, and its volunteers are not responsible for booth, booth contents, sales, or transactions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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If you would like to submit an article for the Timberlines, please send it to

Marlys Carls-Steiskal at: **EditorBreckIWL@msn.com**

Deadline is the last day of each month.

“All articles in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the position of the Breckenridge Board of directors.”



Received the 2010 membership growth award from the MN division for the Breckenridge Chapter. Award was presented to Steve Schaust (Breckenridge Chapter President) by Char Brooker (MN Division Awards Chair).

